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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

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1. At the request of the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) and also at the request of Admiral [redacted] called Dean R. G. Watson, California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech) on 10 July 1952 and asked Watson whether it would be possible to convene a meeting to include himself, President DuBridge, Professors Lauritsen, Bacher, etc. for the purpose of advising and assisting the undersigned, [redacted] (CIA/TS) and [redacted] (PSB) to arrive at some judgment and recommendations regarding the feasibility and desirability of the government's fostering research and development looking toward the launching of a satellite vehicle for reconnaissance purposes. Dean Watson agreed to arrange the meeting on Thursday, July 17, 1952. Messrs. [redacted] met with Messrs. Watson, DuBridge, Lauritsen and Greenstein of Cal Tech in Pasadena and discussed the matter at some length.

2. The staff of Cal Tech were extremely helpful and cooperative in their discussion of technical feasibility and scientific issues associated with the development of such a vehicle. They gave generously of their time and their judgments were exceedingly helpful. The purpose of this letter is to express the appreciation of DCI for their assistance and cooperation. The report of the investigation will be made by OTS/CIA to DCI.

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